## Fiscal Estimate - 2009 Session

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# Fiscal Estimate Narratives DWD 4/13/2010

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#### **Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

In Act 28, laws of 2009 the Legislature created a \$25,000 fine for employers engaged to build construction projects who intentionally mis-classify employees as independent contractors. This bill extends that penalty to apply to instances where an employer working on a painting and/or dry walling project that is not part of a construction project intentionally mis-classifies a worker as an independent contractor.

Enforcement of this provision will be performed either by the Unemployment Compensation, Workers Compensation or the Equal Rights Divisions. Individuals conducting the initial investigation of potential violations and making the initial determination of potential violations will be either be Equal Rights Officer – Senior level positions or their equivalent level positions in the other divisions.

The department anticipates that it will become aware of potential violations either by random visits to construction sites or by third parties [not employees or the employer] filing complaints with the department. The department anticipates the specific changes proposed in this legislation will generate 15 instances a year where the department will initiate an investigation of an employer for having classified an employee as a non-employee. The department anticipates that investigations will consume an average of 20 hours of an Equal Rights Officer – Senior's time [or equivalent position]. To investigate 15 complaints the department will consume about .15 of an Equal Rights Officer – Senior [or equivalent position] time each year. An Equal Rights Officer – Senior with fringe benefits costs the department \$78,036 per year. The cost to investigate the 15 complaints will be about \$11,700 to the department.

The department anticipates that 1/2 of the investigations it conducts of potential violations of this bill will result in litigation of the violations and assessment of the \$25,000 fine. The department therefore estimates the state will collect an additional \$175,000 in revenue based upon fine collections which will go to the school fund.

The department does not perceive any local governmental costs associated with this legislation.

#### **Long-Range Fiscal Implications**

The department anticipates the first year expenses and revenue will continue for the foreseeable future.

### Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2009 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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